BIRD BULLETIN

1908 - No. 1.

The past winter has not been severe for either birds or trees. The first prolonged severe weather began about the second week in January. The early arrival of Robins and Bluebirds this season suggests an early spring, according to the popular notion. Last year the early migrating birds were from one week to ten days behind the records of the previous year, and it will be remembered that the spring of 1907 was exceptionally late, wet and cold.

SPRING BIRDS

1908

(1) Robin, January 1, (one) Chardon, O. Obs. Mr. Griswold, Note: Since relatively mild weather continued until about the second week in January this bird may have been a resident at that place.

February 20, a large number (25-50) Robins were reported from Lake View Cemetery.

February 22, Robin reported as heard at East End, Cleveland by Professor A.S.Wright.

March 5, Robin (one) Cleveland Heights near Noble Road. By the end of the first week in March Robins had become quite common, and were seen on the campus, in the parks and about the city generally. (compare the sudden appearance of thousands of Robins between Monday and Friday, March 11-15, in 1907, and of thousands of Bluebirds and Meadow Larks on the 15th of that month.)

(2) Bluebird, March 4, reported as heard in Cleveland.

March 6, a number seen in Rockerfeller Boulevard. Obs. Mr. James.

March 9, reported at Chardon, O.

(3) Killdeer Plover, March 6, Rockerfeller Boulevard. Obs. Mr. James.

(4) Meadow Larks, March 7, (four) Cleveland Heights, Noble Road, 8 o'clock A.M.

(5) Kingfisher, March 11, Wade Park. Obs. Dr. Stoll.

(6) Redwing Blackbird, March 11, Cleveland Heights, Florence Ave. Obs. Professor Springsteen.

(7) Song Sparrows, March 11, Cleveland Heights, Noble Road, (in numbers and shortly very common).

(8) Bronzed Grackle, March 11, (several) Wade Park. Obs. Mr. James.

WINTER BIRDS

The non-migratory or winter resident birds have not been abundant in Cleveland and its suburbs during the present season, judging from the available reports.

(1) The Crow, by far the most common, seen occasionally during the early winter and regularly during the latter weeks going to and from their rookery somewhere in the woods back of Lake View Cemetery. They commonly return to their roosts between four and five o'clock in the afternoon.

(2) Snow Bunting, February 21, (flock of about fifty), Cleveland Heights, Mayfield Road.

(3) Cardinal Grosbeak, February 25, (one male), Wade Park. Obs. Mr. James.

(4) Blue jay, March 10, Wade Park. Obs. Mr. James

Previous Records.

Robin - March 11, 1907; February 22, 1906; March 8, 1905.

Bluebird - March 15, 1907; February 20, 1906; March 10, 1905.

Bronzed Grackle - March 13, 1907; March 29, 1906; March 10, 1905.

Song Sparrow - March 15, 1907; February 25, 1906; March 5, 1905.

F. F. H.